

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

HB 1811 – SB 2106

February 29, 2016

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Creates a Class C misdemeanor for knowingly using an unmanned aircraft within 250 feet of the perimeter of any critical infrastructure for the purpose of conducting surveillance of, gathering evidence or collecting information about, or photographically or electronically recording critical infrastructure data without the owner or business operator's written consent.

Defines critical infrastructure facility as (1) an electrical power generation system; (2) a petroleum refinery; (3) a manufacturing facility that utilizes any combustible chemicals either in storage or in the process of manufacturing; (4) a chemical or rubber manufacturing facility; or (5) a petroleum or chemical storage facility.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (012936): Deletes and rewrites the bill such that the only substantive changes are as follows:

Broadens the offense in the original bill to include electrical transmission systems, whether as a whole system or any individual component of the transmission system, railroad yards and facilities not open to the general public, electrical distribution substations, manufacturing facilities utilizing hazardous substances whether in the process of manufacturing or storage of the substances, water or wastewater treatment facilities, and pipeline infrastructures utilized in the storage, transmission, or distribution of natural gas.

Adds a provision that the offense does not apply to anyone operating an unmanned aircraft in state air space for a specific flight operation if conducted under authority granted by the Federal Aviation Administration.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

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Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- There will not be a sufficient number of prosecutions for state or local government to experience any significant increase in revenue or expenditures.
- The Administrative Office of the Courts, the District Attorneys General Conference, and the District Public Defenders Conference confirm that the bill as amended will not significantly impact their operations.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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